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FLOW RATE SENSOR

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AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents,  
Washington, D.C.

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action of March 9, 2001, please amend the above-referenced U.S.  
patent application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the specification as follows:

**Kindly replace the title of the invention with the following:**

--FLOW RATE SENSOR IMPLEMENTING A PLURALITY OF INNER TUBES  
LOCATED WITHIN A SENSOR TUBE--

**Pages 1-2, please replace the paragraph beginning on page 1, line 27, with the following:**

Further, when a liquid flows in the sensor tube, air bubbles are likely to be formed in the  
liquid as a result of heat applied to the sensor tube. The formation of air bubbles can result in large  
measurement errors.

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